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Wofford College nose tackle **Nathan Fuqua** has been ranked as the seventh-best defensive lineman in Division I-AA by The Sports Network.

A 6-foot-1, 280-pound junior, Fuqua has been an All-SoCon selection in each of his first two seasons for Wofford. He ranked among the league leaders last year with 18 tackles for loss and six sacks while his 66 total stops placed fourth on the Terriers.

The Sports Network referred to Fuqua as "perhaps the nation's premiere nose tackle." The Danville, Ky., native helped anchor a Terrier defensive front that ranked third in the SoCon last season in its run defense, allowing just 149.3 yards per game. He posted three tackles for a loss at Appalachian State as well as a season-high 13 tackles, including 11 solo stops, with two for a loss versus Furman. His play against two-time defending national champion Georgia Southern drew postgame praise from Eagle Head Coach **Paul Johnson**.

Wofford posted a 7-4 record last year while earning a No. 23 national ranking in season-ending Division I-AA polls by The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today. The Terriers open the 2001 campaign on Sept. 8 at Clemson.

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The Wofford College football program has announced that cornerback **Chris Edwards**, halfback **Ben Foster**, nose tackle **Nathan Fuqua**, offensive tackle **J.C. Neel**, and quarterback **Travis Wilson** have been elected by their teammates to serve as Team Captains for the 2001 season.

Edwards, a senior from Greensboro, N.C., topped the Terriers with four interceptions and eight pass breakups last season. He will be in his fourth year as a starter.

Foster is also Wofford's Student Body President. The Dean's List student and senior from Kennesaw, Ga., is a returning starter at halfback and the top blocker at that position. He rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns on a 4.6 per carry average last year.

A native of Danville, Ky., Fuqua is the lone junior to be selected as a captain. He has earned All-SoCon honors in each of his first two seasons. He ranked among the league leaders last year with 18 tackles for loss and six sacks. His 66 total stops placed fourth on the Terriers.

Neel will be one of five fifth-year seniors on next year's team. The Williamston, S.C., native is an anchor of the Terrier offensive line at left tackle.

Wilson is on pace to become Wofford's all-time passing and total offense leader. He topped last year's squad in rushing with 779 yards while also completing 51.4 percent of his pass attempts for 1,203 yards. The senior from Newberry, S.C., owns the longest current streak of consecutive starts by a Terrier at 28.

Wofford returns 15 starters from last year's squad that posted a 7-4 record and No. 23 national ranking in Division I-AA polls by The Sports Network and *USA Today*/ESPN. The Terriers open the 2001 campaign on Sept. 8 at Clemson.

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A change in this year's Wofford College football schedule has the Terriers now opening the season on Sept. 8 at Clemson.

The Terriers were previously scheduled to play at Lehigh that day.

The Clemson game will represent the largest crowd to ever see Wofford play. The Tigers averaged 78,000 fans per game last season as they posted a 9-3 record and a No. 15 national ranking. It will be the second game of the year for Clemson, who opens the campaign with a Sept. 1 home contest against Central Florida. The Tigers return 11 starters and 54 lettermen from last season's squad.

"We're very excited about this game," Wofford Head Coach and Southern Conference Coach of the Year Mike Ayers said. "We also understand that we're facing one of the premier teams in the country. It's a positive for our program that Clemson would give us this opportunity and we're very appreciative of the chance to play.

"It's a motivator for our team and our coaches as well, because we understand that we're facing a tremendous challenge in Clemson. We will prepare, work hard, and play."

Wofford and Clemson will be meeting for the first time since the Tigers' 1981 national championship season. In that game, the Terriers led 3-0 at the end of the first quarter and trailed just 17-3 at the half before Clemson eventually took a 45-10 decision. That contest also represents Wofford's last football game against an ACC member.

"We wish to thank Wofford for making changes in their schedule and helping us with a difficult situation," Clemson Athletic Director Bobby Robinson said. "They have a winning program that is making great strides under Coach Mike Ayers."

Prior to the 1981 meeting, Clemson and Wofford had not played each other since 1940. In that game, the Tigers took a 26-0 victory under first-year Head Coach Frank Howard. The Terriers' last win in the series was a 14-13 victory in 1933. The first meeting between the teams came in 1896, Clemson's first season of football, when the Tigers won 16-0.

This coming season's Wofford schedule is arguably the toughest in

Division I-AA. In addition to BCS contender Clemson, the Terriers will also face four I-AA playoff teams from a year ago in two-time defending national champion Georgia Southern, fellow SoCon powers Appalachian State and Furman, and a season-closing contest at Youngstown State.

The Terriers return 14 starters from last year's squad that posted a 7-4 record and a No. 23 final ranking in The Sports Network poll. Wofford closed the 2000 campaign with its first-ever win over a I-A opponent, defeating Louisiana-Monroe by a 24-6 score. Ayers is currently tied with Conley Snidow (1953-66) as Wofford's all-time winningest coach with 77 victories.

Listed below is Wofford's 2001 football schedule:

Sept. 8 at Clemson, 1 p.m.
Sept. 15 Georgia Southern*, TBA
Sept. 22 Charleston Southern, TBA
Sept. 29 at Chattanooga*, 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 VMI*, TBA
Oct. 13 at Western Carolina*, TBA
Oct. 20 Appalachian State*, TBA
Oct. 27 at The Citadel*, TBA
Nov. 3 East Tennessee State*, TBA
Nov. 10 at Furman*, 2 p.m.
Nov. 17 at Youngstown State, TBA

*Southern Conference game